

Mabel Purcell Clarke

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Biographical Note:

Mabel Purcell Clarke was born September 15, 1875, on a farm just outside of Vincennes. Her family, the McCords, McClures, Beckes, and the Purcells moved to Indiana from Pennsylvania in the 1830s. Her father was a successful businessman and farmer, and owned the land which would one day become Fort Knox. Clarke and her sister attended school, after their father paid the county for a school to be built. After graduation she began teaching until 1904, when she married A. Brandon Clarke. Before marrying Mr. Clarke, she was engaged to a prominent lawyer, Mr. Kessinger. Her husband lost his hearing in WWI, but after recuperating in Los Angeles for almost seven years, they moved back to Indiana where Mr. Clarke owned coal mines. Mr. Clarke died in 1964. Mrs. Clarke was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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